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SUBJECT: COCOA AGREEMENT

1. AMB. AMONOO CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ MARCH 26 TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT. AMONOO SAID HE WAS AWARE OF REASONS GIVEN FOR U. S. NON- SIGNATURE. HOWEVER, FROM CONTACTS WITH SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND WITH LEADING U. S. MANUFACTURERS (HERSHEY, NESTLE, MARS), AMONOO SAID HE HAD GAINED IMPRESSION THAT IF ADMINISTRATION WERE TO PROPOSE U. S. ADHERENCE, THERE WOULD BE LITTLE OBJECTION FROM THESE SECTORS. IN VIEW OF " GOOD SIGNALS" FROM CONGRESS, TRADE, AND OTHER CONSUMING COUNTRIES, AMONOO ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS CHANCE FOR CHANGE IN USG
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POSITION.

2. KATZ SAID USG IN GENERAL SKEPTICAL ABOUT UTILITY COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. WE HAD DECLINED JOIN SUGAR AND TIN AGREEMENTS, ALTHOUGH WE ARE MEMBERS OF COFFEE AND WHEAT AGREEMENTS. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THESE, HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN ALTOGETHER GOOD, BEARING OUT GENERAL OBJECTIONS TO COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, TRIED TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND ON CAINGTON, D. C. AND ANOTHER MEMBER NOT YET DESIGNATED.

3. PROPOSED ITINERARY TEAM I: APRIL 28 ARRIVE LISBON FROM U. S.; APRIL 29 ARRIVE OPORTO; MAY 2 ARRIVE BARCELONA; MAY 5 ARRIVE MILAN; MAY 9 ARRIVE VIENNA; MAY 12 DEPART FOR U. S. PROPOSED ITINERARY TEAM II: APRIL 28 ARRIVE COPENHAGEN FROM U. S.; MAY 1. ARRIVE BERGEN; MAY 4 ARRIVE OSLO; MAY 5 ARRIVE GOTHENBURG; MAY 8 ARRIVE STOCKHOLM; MAY 9 ARRIVE HELSINKI; MAY 13 RETURN TO U. S.

4. FYI PRIVATE TRADE MEMBERS MISSION REPRESENTS IMPORTANT U. S. TRADE ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORT THESE GROUPS WOULD FURTHER PRESIDENT' S GOAL TRADE EXPANSION. END FYI.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSES EXTENDING TEAM APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE AND COURTESIES.

6. AG ATTACHES AND AG. OFFICER BEING KEP INFORMED DETAILS TEAM PLANS. ROGERS

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